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8P9, BARBADOS. Glenn, VE3ICR, plans to be active from January 23 to February 6 as 8P9DX. He has had this call sign since 1987. Activity will be on the low bands, including the WARC bands. Glenn plans to be active "full tilt" in the CQ World-Wide 160 CW Contest.

A22MN QSLs. Please allow 1-2 months for Ken, WA8JOC, QSL Manager for A22MN to answer QSLs for the past contests. He is making a software change, and please do not resubmit cards.

A3, TONGA. A35CT will be active for the next 2 to 3 years as Department Manager at the only bank in Tonga. Check 14219 kHz around 0530z.

BV, TAIWAN. There was been plenty of activity from the following: BV2A, BV2FA, BV2FG, BV2TA, BV4JB, BV5BG, BV7BB and BV7JA. Some activity has been on 80 meters by BV2A, BV2DJ and BV7JA. Check between 3500 and 3510 kHz from 1030 to 1430z. The address of the BV-bureau is: Box 93, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

BY, CHINA (NEW PREFIXES). In an ARRL bulletin this week, it was announced that China has decided to permit operation by individual amateur stations beginning December 22. Prefixes will be BA, BD and BG.

JT, MONGOLIA. Several JT's including JT1V have been active on 80 meters at east coast sunrise. Zone 23 is much needed by many on the lower bands.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Pete, OH3MEP, and others will be spending their holiday on Aland Island. Look for Pete/OH0MEP, Alpo/OH0MFP, Pertti/OH0LQK, Marko/OH0MYD and Jukka/OH0NLP starting on December 26th to January 3rd. Activity will be on 10-80 meters using a Butternut antenna for 80, 40 and 30 meters, a Cushcraft R-5 for the upper bands and also a 3 element monobanders for 17 and 10 meters. Their location will be on the southern edge of the main island, OH-county 010 (Lemland) and IOTA number EU-02. QSL via their homecalls in OH3-land.

P5, NORTH KOREA. It has been reported by Kan, JA1BK, that Romeo (aka 3W3RR, YA0RR, 1S0RR, 9D0RR) is in North Korea operating as P5RS7 thru the end of the year. P5RS7 was first reported (December 19) on 7045 kHz working JAs around 0020z. Then later P5RS7 was reported working the west coast of the U.S. on 28495 kHz around 0115z. From 0215 to 0547z, P5RS7 was active on 21295 and 14195 kHz. QSL via JA1HGY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE ON THE NORTH KOREA OPERATION, THAT WAS RECEIVED FROM THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES: After long and difficult preparations, a group of amateurs found an opportunity to operate from NORTH KOREA (P5...).

"In view of the most complicated political situation (which is well-known) the expedition has a higher probability of failure than of success. A license was issued by the military authorities of NORTH KOREA. It holds certain guarantees that the upcoming operation will take place. However, the DXpedition organizers have serious concerns because there are many conditions, restrictions and stipulations imposed upon them.

This DXpedition, if it takes place, doesn't wish to undermine the major work done by the IARU group consisting of W1RU, OH2BH and others. In our case military (not civilian) license was issued. Moreover, the first operation from a previously "closed" country frequently "opens" that country for future ham radio activity.

The organizers decided not to appeal for funds and support to any clubs and associations before the upcoming operation, even though the expenses are very high. The risk is just too big and we feel we cannot risk other people's money. Everything was organized and funded privately by individuals from several countries.

After the DXpedition is over, DXAC shall receive ORIGINALS of all available documents, licenses, passports, photographs, perhaps even video shots on location.

Because of restrictions imposed upon the operators, they can transmit only correspondent's callsign and his report. Please don't ask any questions on the air. Address all inquiries to the manager, JA1HGY. Donations can also be made via JA1HGY, any support is welcomed.

Proposed callsign for the operation: P5RS7 (papa five radio sierra seven), to QRV _ONLY_ CW and SSB. Standard DXpedition frequencies, QSX up!

There will be no RTTY or WARC bands due to restrictions. We shall announce the names of all operators when the expedition is successful.

We thank you all beforehand for being disciplined and understanding. Wish us good luck.

73! From the operators and organizers."

** AN UPDATE ON THE P5 (Minutes before going to print!) **

There was an announcement around 2151z December 20th that the P5 operation was taken off the air by local authorities. Then almost 30 minutes after the announcement, P5RS7 appeared on 7001 and then moved to 21022 kHz.

* REMEMBER - WFWL!

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. VI5VIA will be active between January 29th and February 1st to mark the closing of the Adelaide Coastal Radio Station "V I A", on January 31, 1993. VK5WC and VK5ZRH, in conjunction with the South Coast Amateur Club, will operate on all HF bands along with some VHF/UHF operations. VIA was commissioned in Adelaide on October 12, 1912. A special QSL card will be made available. More details as to operating frequencies and modes will be made available shortly.

T5, SOMALIA. OPDX was informed that Nick, G3K0X, is now stationed in T5-land and is expected to be QRV. There are no other details available at this time. Meanwhile, TU4EC/T5 continues to be active and showing

up on the 14226 DX net around 2030z. UPDATED DEC. 20th: Nick was heard signing 60/G3K0X on 14187 kHz around 1248z.

XU, KAMPUCHEA. There is plenty of activity from this one. Sanyi, HA7VK, has been there since early December signing XU7VK. Check 14014 and 14185 kHz between 1900 to 0230z. QSL via HA0HW. John, PA3BTQ, is in Phnom Penh until the end of January 1993, and has been issued the call sign XU6TQ. John is there to install radio equipment for the International Red Cross. Check the following frequencies: CW - 14050 and 21050 kHz. SSB - 14315 and 21315 khz. Time permitting he will be on OSCAR 13 Mode B. QSL via PA0EQ. Also, XU3UN has been active and worked from the eastern half of the US on December 20th with good signals on 80 meters ssb. He was transmitting on 3793 and listened on 3791, 3775 and then from 3770-3780 around 12-1300Z. Zone 26 is a much needed zone on 80 meters and it was nice to see effort being made to operate there.

KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! Ballots for the Second Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.088. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

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